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Honorable David P. Boergers
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Avista Corporation, The Montana Power Company, Nevada Power Company, Portland General Electric Company, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., and Sierra Pacific Power Company

Docket No. RT01-15-000

Dear Secretary Boergers:

On October 16, 2000, the above-captioned companies ("TransConnect Applicants") filed an Order No. 2000 compliance filing proposing to form an independent transmission company ("TransConnect") in the Western United States.

This letter is to advise the Commission that by letter dated August 7, 2001, one of the original TransConnect Applicants -- Puget Sound Energy, Inc. -- gave notice of its withdrawal from this joint effort.

Please call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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